### Stewarding Your Donors

How to acknowledge and delight your donors to make them feel like the heroes they are!



#### Your GiveGab Team





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# Submit Your Questions!

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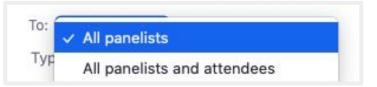
If you have questions or comments throughout our training, please write in using your Zoom webinar attendee panel.

Introduce yourself! Name, location, organization.

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#### **Chat Box**





Q&A

Please input your question	
Send Anonymously	Send

### What will we cover?

- Donor stewardship basics
- What do to before the big day
- Crafting your thank you message
- After the Giving Day: how to access your donation reports
- How to maximize your data through donor segmentation
- Tips and best practices for gift acknowledgements

#### What is donor stewardship?

- A specific type of donor relations
- Begins before the very first gift is given
- Allows organizations to cultivate long-lasting relationships with donors



# Why is Donor Stewardship important?

• It's a cost-effective fundraising strategy

- On average, it costs 3x more to acquire new donors than it does to steward existing donors
- 81% of first-time donors do not turn into repeat donors
- 63% of repeat donors remain repeat and recurring donors
- Long-term relationships are more effective and can help you to better strategize and maintain your annual fundraising plan



#### Before donations open



# **Craft your Thank you Note**

- Customizable Thank You emails that come from your organization
  - Add your own text, photo, or video!
- Sent immediately after the gift is made

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 Includes your organization's EIN and donation amount to act as a tax-deductible receipt



Nickie,

Thank you so much for your contribution to our Giving Day! Your donation will help improve our community and the lives of hundreds of individuals throughout our area.

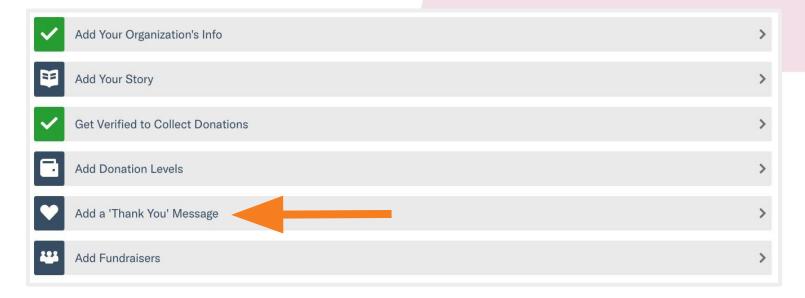
Thank you again!



You are PAW-sitively amazing! Thank you for your generous gift to Logan's Pups. We could not help dozens of dogs every day without you.

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Donor:	Nickie Fredenburg			
Date:	February 27, 2020			
Organization:	Logan's Pups			
EIN:	12-1234567			
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### Go to your Giving Day Dashboard



# Adding your thank you

#### message

- Add your own message
- Include a photo or video for more personal stewardship!
- Automatically sent to your donors immediately after they complete their gift
- Donors can reply to that email and contact you directly



Please provide a "thank you" message, as well as an image or video link!

#### Thank You Message

Thank you so much for your donation to Logan's pups! With your support, we're able to continue our love and care of senior dogs.

Your donation goes beyond this one organization's mission, as your support celebrates the philanthropic spirit and unity of our community.

Youtube or Vimeo Link

Don't have a video to link to? No biggle! Upload an image, and we'll use that instead



Image should be 5MB max and a JPG, JPEG or PNG file type. Recommended dimensions: 800x600.

Save

### **After the Day**



# How will you thank your donors?

- Pre-schedule general messaging to all supporters
  - Social media posts and overall success update
  - Thank You email to your organization's email list
- Follow up with individual donors

- Access their contact information in your GiveGab Dashboard, keep an eye out for anonymity!
- Highlight impact of donor-funded projects with updates
  - What did these donors do for your organization as a result?
  - This outreach can happen a few weeks after

#### **Your Giving Day Donation Report**

- Export a list of giving day donors
  - Use donor contact information for thank you notes and acknowledgements
- Sort by donation type, amount, etc.
- Can filter by campaign/giving day

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#### Maximizing Your Data



# **Maximizing Your Data**

- Who increased their giving from year to year?
- Who was new to your organization through this year's giving day?
  Did they become a donor via a Peer-to-Peer (P2P) fundraiser?
- Who were your most successful P2P fundraisers?
- Who left a personal comment?
- Who helped you win a prize?

#### **Segmenting Acknowledgements**

- Every donor is important, but not necessarily equal
- Determine your donor segments
  - Giving Levels
  - Entry Point
  - Giving History
- Create a realistic strategy to thank all of your donors appropriately based on their segment

## Segmenting Example



The larger the gift, the more personal the acknowledgement!

Public Acknowledgement

# The Importance of Segmenting

- Crucial component of effective donor stewardship
- Allows for personalized customization
- Ability to allocate time and resources to donors with the most potential for growth within your organization
- Helps you reach your internal goals more quickly and easily

#### **General Acknowledgement Tips**

- If possible, personalize your acknowledgements!
  - **Example**: "Hi Bridget," vs. "Dear Friend,"
- Highlight the impact of the donor's contribution
  - **Example**: "With the dollars raised we have helped 50 people in need"
- Include additional opportunities to get involved
  - **Example**: "Join us on Sunday for our Summer BBQ Jamboree"
- If publicly acknowledging any donors, be cognizant of how their names are displayed

#### **Creative Thank You Ideas**

- 1. Thank You Video
- 2. Naming Opportunity
- 3. Appreciation Party
- 4. Donor Spotlight
- 5. Handwritten Note

- 6. Behind The Scenes Look
- 7. Future Discount
- 8. Milestone Recognition
- 9. Public Display
- 10. Giving Level Perks

## **Involve your Supporters**

- Board members
- Volunteers
- Peer-to-Peer Fundraisers



### Key Takeaways



## **Key Takeaways**

- Create a strategy for acknowledging donors to build stronger relationships
- Take advantage of the reporting tools available in your dashboard (all year round!)
- Highlighting the donor's impact allows the donor to appreciate the value of their contribution
- Provide more opportunities for them to get involved

#### There is no such thing as too much gratitude!



#### Resources



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GiveGab < Our usual reply time () Under 2 hours Hi there! Thanks for contacting GiveGab's Customer Success team! In order to provide you the best support, we're going to ask you just a couple of questions. To get started, which of the following best describes you? I am a nonprofit administrator I am a peer-to-peer fundraiser I am a donor art typina.

#### **Questions?**

